

The Dead Horse

August 2008

DISPATCH

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Ranger News

EARS



Ranger Eric shaking hands with "EARS" after completing his Junior Ranger Swearing in Ceremony

Ranger Eric Buzonas honors newly appointed "EARS" for "passing his test" and becoming a Junior Ranger. "EARS" is held by Junior Ranger Paul Shirley.

Volunteer News

Thank You to all the Volunteers and Rangers for making our stay at DHRSP a memorable experience. It's been a pleasure working with you. We not only met some new people, we made some new friends. Until we meet again, Muriel & George Bouchers murielbkissimmee@aol.com

To All Volunteers & Staff, Thank You for all the help and concern when Tom had his surgery. We are both grateful to the wonderful people at DHRSP. Tom & Pam

Thank You!



You couldn't have been kinder and I couldn't be more Grateful. It takes very special people to help you learn the truly important things about yourself. Thanks for being my teachers. I would like to express my gratitude to all the Rangers and Volunteers who offered their prayers and encouragement as I venture on my next journey. Thank You for your kindness and cash you gave me. I guess I best be heading for the East Coast later this summer. God Bless all of you, Paul

Ranger Paul left DHRSP on June 30th, to stay with his family in NJ.

What about each host (hosts) giving a short autobiography? Example: include where they are from, how long, and where they have hosted? Previous "job"? Any other info. Don & Sue

Message to "Bob A" from all your doggies/moggies (Jeannette's version of cats) pals: Zion, Mollie, Sandy Cat, Tinker, Buddy, Sadie, Simon, Jazz, Prince, King, Queeny, & all the park doggies and moggies...

"We are all here for a cuddle!!!"

Ralph & Jeannette want to Thank You everyone for making us so WELCOME at DHRSP. We love our new home and family. As for Mollie, well... She just loves us all.

4th of July Bar-B-Q/ BYOF Bash



Bill on the hill preparing BillyL's Buggy for 4th of July.



Paul enjoying Billy's 4th of July Buggy.

Rangers & Volunteers celebrated 4th of July holiday with a "potluck" dinner held at Mesquite Cabins, on June 29th. Fabulous food made and enjoyed by everyone at the Mesquite Ritz.

The girls taking Buggy # 2, aka Jafa, for a ride.



Taking a breather from the celebrations, Ranger Eric, Ranger Randy and Ranger Paul.



Chowing down at the Cabin Mesquite Ritz Restaurant.

Bill demoted from his Rolls Royce of Buggies to Frank's # 5 buggy. See how happy he is.



"Bill on the Hill is now Lagooney Bill"



Bill on the Hill Highway!



Bill moved from Red Tail Hawk to Paradise on the Lagoon, on July 1st. Marking his territory on Red Tail Hawk with his own Bill's Highway to the Lagoon. Sorry to say it was blocked by the long awaited rains.

W I L D L I F E



Rattlers are being spotted. This one was seen by the lagoon on June 24th around 7:30 pm. It was spotted by most of the Buggie Busters.



Tarantula visited an empty site opposite Ralph & Jeannette!

N O T S O W I L D L I F E



Woodhouse's Toad, spotted in bathrooms and on trails. Not dangerous.



Turtle found walking about on Kingfisher Road.



Quails are scurrying around everywhere, showing off their families. Please watch out for the little ones.

Biggest Notice!

Biggest Notice Arizona State Parks could ever have issued.

Notice # 8647, the offender being: an illegally parked balloon & passengers.

Bill



Dates to Remember

August - September

August 11 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

August 25 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

August 25 - Happy Birthday Randy

September 8 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

September 22 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

September 27 - Plein Air Artist "Paint Out:" Arizona State Parks and Arizona Plein Air Painters External Link are sponsoring live outdoor painting competitions with painting from 8 am - Noon. At noon, the artists will gather to judge their peers completed work. Artists are welcome to bring their easels, brushes, drop cloth, canvas, and capture scenes around the park.

September 27-28 - Verde River Days: Celebrate the Verde with fun activities, canoeing, interpretive walks, climbing wall, fishing (license required), exhibits, and more! Saturday is free! 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (928) 634-5283 Re-enactments on Sunday the 28th.

NOTICE No 8647

FEE PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO OCCUPY THIS SITE

Please report to the Entrance Station with this notice, and pay fees immediately. Occupancy without payment of fee is a violation of A.S.P.B. Regulation: R 12-8-108.

Date 7/9 Vehicle Make BALLOON

Time 7:06 Model BIG

Site LAGUNA License No. NONE

Officer R Badge No. 105

Coming & Goings

Bob & Anita Bligh (Cabin Hosts) along with their 3 greyhounds are leaving at the end of August. Thanks to Bob and Anita for the extra effort they put in to the cabins during their stay. Bob did some much needed staining on the porches this summer and also came up with an idea to provide each guest with a "welcome note" upon arrival. The note gave each cabin a personal touch by welcoming them to the park. Note was placed on each table prior to their arrival and encouraged visitors to "stop by" and see them, should they need anything. The note also contained a photograph of the cabin. Thanks Bob & Anita!!

George & Muriel Boucher (Raven Maintenance site #2) are leaving DHRSP around August 1st and will also be missed. Muriel kept our volunteer gardens weed free throughout the summer, and received numerous compliments from the public on their upkeep. George spent a tremendous amount of time on the wood program this summer and thanks to him our wood boxes are neatly stacked and ready for sale. It goes without saying how important our wood program is. Thanks George & Muriel!!!

On Saturday July 26; the volunteers had a send-off for George & Muriel at the Los Alamos picnic area. Volunteer Bill Lafleur's daughter Barbara, brought steaks for everyone in attendance. Unfortunately Eric couldn't attend due to a prior commitment in Prescott, AZ. Eric's dinner consisted of cheese nachos and a Pepsi for the evening. Eric would like to remind everyone about the DHRSP leftover policy; all leftovers can be stored within his refrigerator at no charge. Plates may be returned at a later date.

Information thankfully submitted by Ranger Eric

Notes from your Editor and Publisher



Jeannette

The Dead Horse Dispatch is being published again... Yippee, Yahoo! We apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter underway. Our projected goals are for every 2 months (unless we get lots of stuff before then). The deadline for submissions will be the 20th of the month. Please submit to DHRSP, 675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326: OR drop it off at the Ranger Station with: "Attention: Newsletter Information." We are looking for photos, newsy stuff, photos, jokes, photos, biographical info, photos, or anything that will be good for the group.



Randy